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NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS.
US ECONOMIC POSITION HAD GREATLY CHANGED SINCE POST WORLD WAR
II PERIOD. US HAD TRADE DEFICIT LAST YEAR OF SIX AND A HALF
BILLION DOLLARS. THIS WAS CAUSED BY OVER- VALUATION OF DOLLAR
AND TRADE BARRIERS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH EXIST IN JAPAN AND
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE PRESIDENT' S OBJECTIVE IS TO REMOVE
DISCRIMINATORY BARRIERS AND BRING ABOUT FREE FLOW OF TRADE.
WE HOPE TO INCREASE TRADE WITH UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS RE-
SULT OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

11. MRS. GANDHI INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF US OBJECTIVES AND
EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING ECONOMIC IMBALANCE BETWEEN DEVEL-
OPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES. EXPRESSED CONCERN THIS WILL
INCREASE AND LEAD TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS. DEPSEC AGREED THIS WAS
POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND SAID GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES
SHOULD HELP.

12. MRS. GANDHI INQUIRED WHETHER EUROPEAN SITUATION WAS WORK-
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ING OUT. DEPSEC REPLIED YES IT WAS. RUSSIA WAS FOLLOWING POLICY OF DETENTE. THERE HAD BEEN BERLIN AGREEMENT AND MOSCOW ACCORD WITH WEST GERMANY. PRELIMINARY TALKS ON SALT II AND THE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION WERE PROCEEDING SLOWLY BUT SATISFACTORILY. BREZHNEV WOULD BE VISITING US. WE WERE ASKING FOR AUTHORITY TO EXTEND MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT TO SOVIET UNION. WE ANTICIPATED FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD DETENTE IN EUROPE.

13. MRS. GANDHI ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. DEPSEC SAID NO. WE HAD TALKED WITH HAFEZ ISMAIL OF EGYPT, KING HUSSEIN AND MRS. MEIR IT HAD BEEN OUR HOPE GET DIALOGUE STARTED. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED. OUTBREAK OF TERRORISM HAS PROVED PROBLEM.

14. MRS. GANDHI INQUIRED REGARDING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. DEPSEC DESCRIBED US DISAPPOINTMENT THAT CEASEFIRE WAS NOT BEING OBSERVED. HANOI HAD INFILTRATED MAN AND MATERIAL SO THAT IT WAS AT SAME STRENGTH AS AT START OF OFFENSIVE LAST MARCH. CAMBODIA CEASEFIRE OFFER HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. CEASEFIRE WAS NOT BEING COMPLETELY IMPLEMENTED IN LAOS. IT IS, HOWEVER, ENCOURAGING THAT RUSSIA AND CHINA SEEMED TO BELIEVE IT NOT IN THEIR INTEREST TO CONTINUE WAR. IN SOUTH VIETNAM, POLAND AND HUNGARY WERE NOT COOPERATING IN ICCS. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THEM ABOUT THIS. SHOOTING DOWN OF HELICOPTER WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE. WE FEEL NONETHELESS THAT ODDS ARE IN FAVOR OF CEASEFIRE. IT UNDERSTANDABLE THAT AT TIME OF CEASEFIRE IN PLACE EACH SIDE WOULD TRY IMPROVE ITS POSITIONS. INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN DECREASING. OF COURSE, ALL US TROOPS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.

15. MRS. GANDHI REMARKED THAT LASTING PEACE WOULD MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE TO ASIA. DEPSEC SAID THAT WHILE WE HOPE FOR PEACE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACHIEVING IT RESTS WITH COUNTRIES OF AREA. WE HOPE IN SOUTH ASIA COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND IRAN CAN WORK OUT PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

16. AS DISCUSSION CONCLUDED MRS. GANDHI ASKED DEPSEC TO CONVEY HER WARM GREETING TO PRESIDENT NIXON.

17. COMMENT: MRS. GANDHI RECEIVED DEPUTY SECRETARY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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DIAL MANNER. WHILE NOT COMMENTING ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES IN

ANY DETAIL HERSELF, SHE INDICATED INTEREST IN DEPSEC'S VIEWS. SHE MADE NO MENTION OF ANY DIFFERENCES WITH US AND, IN FACT, WARMLY SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. MRS. GANDHI TOOK INITIATIVE TO ASK ABOUT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT REFRAINED FROM ANY COMMENT ON US POLICIES THERE. MRS. GANDHI APPARENTLY LEFT SERIOUS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS TO HER FOREIGN MINISTER AND MADE EFFORT TO HAVE CORDIAL CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY.
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